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GSU Plans Educational TV Network

UNIVERSITYPARK—Governors State University will begin developing an educational television network in collaboration with public and private higher education institutions in its service area.

A \$110,000 grant from the Illinois Board of Higher Education is helping underwrite the cost of establishing two Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS) channels.

Dr. Mel Muchnik, special assistant to the president at GSU and project director, called the ITFS project "exciting," saying he believes "it will give our region new and dynamic educational opportunities. We hope to have the ITFS system operational by September 1993."

"Fortunately, the days when people were put off by learning through modern technology are behind us," GSU President Paula Wolff said. "We will use this system to meet the educational needs of the people in this region and of the local organizations or industries which will receive the material wiretransmit."

"Bringing education to people using technology-based or technology assisted instruction or training is a high priority at GSU and is critical to making our region competitive and preparing our citizens for the economic challenges confronting all of us," Dr. Wolff added.

ITFS uses non-broadcast frequencies to send television signals to locations that have special antennas and equipment. The two channels will allow GSU to relay teleclasses and telecourses, videoconferences, special events and other programming directly to business and industry, school sys-

tems, cable television company distribution centers and other agencies and organizations.

The Federal Communications Commission awarded GSU a 10-year license for the two channels.

"This project will permit us to develop a local and regional network that will extend our sub-

University and South Suburban College.

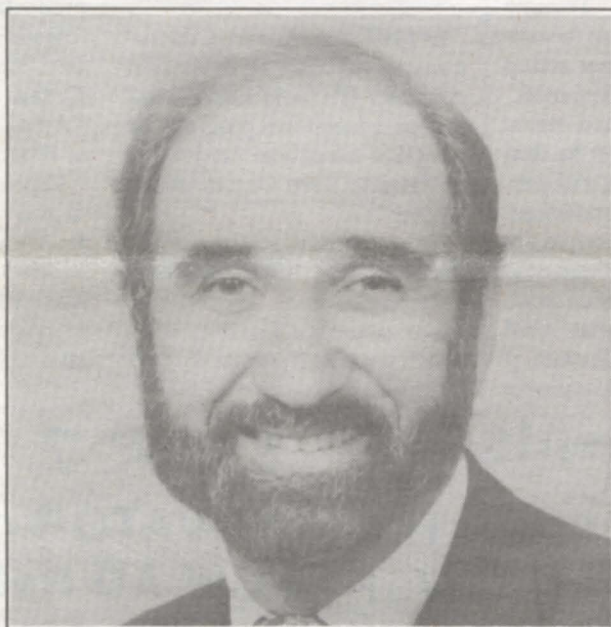
"We envision a communications infrastructure that allows us to share resources. We will be able electronically to access classes and programming from the state system or regional or national sources, as well as from our own campus and from members of the consortium," Dr. Wolff explained.

Dr. Muchnik said the \$110,000 grant will cover about half of the costs, including nearly all the required equipment. Private funds will cover the design and installation of the system and the transmitting tower.

Costs incurred by colleges and universities receiving GSU's programming will be based on terrain and distance from GSU. "On average," Dr. Muchnik said, "we believe the cost of equipment to any receive sites will be less than \$1,000."

"This project will be building on the university's existing staffing, production and distribution capabilities," according to Ralph Kruse, executive director of GSU's Center for Extended Learning and Communications Services. It was Kruse who originated the ITFS project.

The Center for Extended Learning and Communications Services distributes instructional programming in a variety of ways, including a 24-hour channel linked to 10 cable communities via microwave. Each year, more than 2,000 students enroll in GSU media-based instruction courses, and organizations in more than 37 states have leased GSU teleclasses.



Dr. Mel Muchnik- Special Assistant to the President

stantial and successful telecommunications-based instructional delivery system, and will provide a first step toward GSU/regional participation in a statewide telecommunications system," Dr. Wolff said.

Governors State will be working on this project in collaboration with other members of the South Metropolitan Regional Higher Education Consortium. The ITFS project and the consortium are both funded under the Higher Education Cooperative Act (HECA).

Other members of the consortium are Joliet Junior College, the College of St. Francis, Kankakee Community College, Lewis University, Moraine Valley Community College, Olivet Nazarene University, Prairie State College, St. Xavier

Job Fair Coming in November National Companies Convene On Campus in Regional Forum

UNIVERSITYPARK—Major employers will be on the Governors State University campus Nov. 6 for "Opportunity '92/'93: Focus on the Future," annual jobs fair.

Representatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Sears, Roebuck & Co.; Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois; Irwin Publishing and others will be on campus from 9 a.m. to noon meeting with students from Governors State University, Purdue University-

North Central, Calumet College of St. Joseph and Indiana University Northwest.

Students can learn about the companies' career opportunities, and those who have scheduled appointments will be given interviews with company representatives. There is a \$5 entrance fee.

For further information, call Dan Kreidler in the GSU Office of Career Services at (708) 534-5000, extension 5080.

GSU History: Older Students continue to Make the Grade

By Marilyn Thomas
(12th in a series)

The average student at Governors State University is 34 years old, with family obligations and a job. It's been that way from the beginning.

Most professors find these students appealing. Some, like photography Professor Paul Schanz who joined the staff in 1973, remember when many faculty were younger than their students. Although that doesn't necessarily hold true now, Schanz says there is great satisfaction in teaching an adult student.

"The nice thing about teaching here, as opposed to a place where you have a lot of young kids, it's real hard to teach creativity to young people. They haven't had any life. They haven't done anything to express themselves. I don't have that problem here," he argues.

"The GSU students have spunk and they always have and I love it," says Professor Beth Hagens. "They continually surprise me...because they're into life...it's a continual surprise to me who shows up in my classes and they always seem better."

In the strictest sense, GSU is a place to come and learn. There are no dorms. The majority of GSU's classes are offered in the evenings to better accommodate the working student. Off-campus sites, such as local high schools, put the learning opportunity closer to home.

Tom Dascenzo, director of the Office of Student Life, says when GSU was designed in 1969, its mission was to meet students' needs. That hasn't changed.

"Most are here because they don't have a lot of money, because they're site-bound, or because they have role responsibilities in life...and that doesn't mean their education has to be inferior," Dascenzo argues.

Professor Paul Green agrees. "We still kept the notion that people that work, that are more mature students can go to college and improve themselves, so we never lost that innovative thing."

Professor Michael Stelnicki says that as GSU evolved into a more traditional university, its student population shifted somewhat. "They've changed from the more bohemian kind of student to the more traditional kind of student."

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Local Elections Empower the Voter

by Ron Young

One of the sad things about voting is that many citizens who participate in elections only vote for a few of the things to be decided on election day. Tom Leach of the Cook County Board of Elections states, "Many people who enter the

election booth only vote for the more prominent offices, and ignore the rest of the ballot. Only about half of the voters vote on every issue on the ballot."

This is sad because anyone who pays property taxes knows that the various groups that set tax levies are elected. It is also

common knowledge that county and state agencies have a far more dramatic effect on the quality of life than the President of the United States. Judges who we think are too lenient or too soft on crime are also on

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Guvvy's Bits

By Barbara A. Johnson

The Nose About 9300

CERTAIN ADMINISTRATORS ARE CALLING THE WALL OF TRUTH...the Wailing Wall. There's been a least several people BUZZING AROUND the bulletin board since it was set up Friday, Oct. 1. Guvvy's must confess to feeling MIGHTY JEALOUS. Why don't people gripe on the INNOVATOR'S editorial pages the way they do ON A DUMB BOARD? Guvvy's must admit the board has added to the FEELING OF GLASTNOST present on campus since Paula Wolff's arrival.

SOCIAL ACTIVISTS AND ETHICS ESSAYISTS...shall find themselves rewarded through two FOUNDATION AWARDS. The Michael Schwerner Activist Award recognizes college students who are CATALYSTS OF SOCIAL CHANGE in their schools and communities. The Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics essay contest is open to SENIOR UNDERGRADS at accredited universities. A mere THREE TO FOUR THOUSAND WORDS could net you a cool \$10,000. Call (212) 986-7080 about the Activist Award, (212) 980-3637 for the scoop on the Elie Wiesel Contest.

THE DEARTH OF WOMEN AND MINORITY FACES... in the October issue of U.S. Department of Energy's info letter was PRETTY SHOCKING. Of the dozen group photos in *This Month*, only three showed persons NOT OF THE WHITE/MALE PERSUASION. They don't hold very high office, however; two of the photos were of WOMEN TELEPHONE OPERATORS who volunteered for 'Andrew duty', the other a photo-op at a JOB FAIR FOR BLACK COLLEGES.

DOES MBA REALLY STAND FOR MORE BLACKS ADMITTED?... Maybe not, but Destination MBA intends to MAKE IT SO. The free seminar will be held at the Palmer House on Saturday, Nov. 7 and is open to all individuals, although GEARED TO BLACK, HISPANIC, AND NATIVE AMERICAN MBA prospects. The program runs from 9 a.m. to noon followed by MBA Forums where students can NETWORK WITH SCHOOL REPS until four in the afternoon. No advance registration is required, call Gerri Henderson for additional info at (312) 326-5403.

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CAN LAKE MICHIGAN HANDLE THE WATER USE?... Las Vegas is dickering for its share of Santa Barbara's potable water from a station that 'DESALTS' THE SEA WATER. The main problem is cost, an acre of water costs \$700 versus \$150 to \$400 from conventional sources. Las Vegas requires LARGE AMOUNTS OF WATER to run its CASINO HOTELS.

Criminal Justice Students Address Regional Conference

UNIVERSITY PARK — Two Governors State University students presented a paper on child abuse at the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association's annual conference.

Judy Koscis of Country Club Hills and Paula Van Beek of South Chicago Heights co-authored the paper "The Sexual Abuse of Children." They are students in the criminal justice program at GSU.

The student papers session

was hosted by the Illinois Association of Criminal Justice Educators. The session was chaired by Dr. Jagan Lingamneni, president of the Illinois association and a professor at Governors State.

Also attending the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association conference were Philip Coduti of Calumet City, president of the GSU Criminal Justice Club, and member Lynn Bass of Hazel Crest.

Professor Tony Labriola Wins Emmy for "The Magic Door"

UNIVERSITY PARK—Governors State University Professor Tony Labriola has won an Emmy Award for his work as producer of "The Magic Door Television Theatre" on WBBM-TV in Chicago.

The award was presented at the 1992 Midwest Emmy Award ceremonies Oct. 4. The Emmy Award is conferred in recognition of outstanding achievements by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, an organization of professionals in the industry.

The show won in the "Best Children's Programming in a Series" category from entries submitted by broadcast television stations and network affiliates from five states. A panel of out-of-state judges reviewed all entries before selecting "The Magic Door."

Labriola became the show's producer in spring 1991 when its producer, GSU Professor Temmie Gilbert, became ill. Gilbert's work as producer won her the Emmy Award in 1987.

"With some cosmetic changes, the show is essentially Temmie's creation. Temmie transformed it to a more theatrical look with a resident acting company," Labriola explained.

The show uses multi-ethnic and multi-racial actors to deal with important social and personal issues in a fun and sometimes fantastic way. Scripts are written by Chicago writers, and all production and video post-production is done at CBS television studios in Chicago.

The show, on the air for 36 years, is the longest running television dramatic children's program in Chicago. It is co-sponsored by the Chicago Board of Rabbis and WBBM-TV.

Because of budgetary constraints, the show is now presented quarterly rather than weekly on Sunday mornings. That forced Labriola to make "some stylistic changes, but the show still maintains Temmie's concept of the theatre on television for children."

The next show, "Hanukkah Soldier," will be presented during the holiday season. It is the story of a young Civil War soldier who faces a dilemma in acknowledging his Jewish faith and serving in the army.

Labriola of Richton Park draws on his own background in theatre and television when working on "The Magic Door." He has been a professor of television production at GSU since 1982 and has been producer/director for many of the university's teleclasses, telecourses and public interest broadcasts, as well as its award-winning productions.

In 1987, Labriola won the International Television Association's Gold Reel Award for best educational program for the GSU telecourse production of "Health Care Organizations Update '87."

He was producer/director for the 1990 GSU national videoconference "Corporate America and the Environment" which won the National Univer-

sities Teleconference Network (NUTN) Best Program of the Year Award, and was director of the 1988 GSU national videoconference "Racism on Campus" which won Most Popular and Most Watched Program Awards from NUTN.

Labriola also won the Reggie Award from the Regional Theatre Project sponsored by "The Times" newspaper as best regional theatre director for The Orama Group's production of Christopher Durang's comedy "Baby with the Bathwater."

In 1991, Labriola became the first director to adapt three episodes of "The Twilight Zone" for the stage in the Fake Shrubbery Theatre presentations in Park Forest. He also wrote and directed commercials from local businesses to fit the commercial slots of the original "Twilight Zone" shows.

Labriola adapted and directed the national revival of a classic form of British holiday entertainment—the "Panto," a Monty Python-like vaudeville show for children and families—for The Drama Group's "Sleeping Beauty and the Beast" 1991 production.

He is now rehearsing the role of Antonio Salieri for The Drama Group's production of "Amadeus" Nov. 13, 14 and 15 at Bloom High School.

Labriola received a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a master's degree in film and television from Ohio University.

TV Students Eligible For Contest

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Oct. 15—Television and video production students are invited to enter a television public service announcement contest to promote Financial Aid Awareness Month during February 1993. One entry will be selected as the winner of the \$500 prize.

The 30-second PSA is to promote a toll-free Helpline which will be available February 8 through 12 to answer questions about financial aid for college or postsecondary vocational school. The Helpline will also address questions about selecting a college or vocational school. The contest is sponsored by the Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, Inc., the Illinois Association of Admission Counselors and the Illinois Student Assistance Commission.

All television and video production students enrolled in Illinois colleges and universities are eligible to enter. The PSA entries must meet criteria and specifications which have been sent to television department chairs throughout the state. The postmark deadline for entries is Nov. 30.

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Teacher Education Programs Meet State Standard

UNIVERSITY PARK — Teacher education programs at Governors State University are meeting all standards set out by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

The letter of approval sent to GSU College of Education Dean Leon Zalewski from ISBE's State Teacher Certification Board comes in response to a five-year periodic review conducted at GSU during the 1991-92 academic year.

"This is a recognition of the excellent teacher preparation programs we offer at Governors State," Dr. Zalewski said. "Of-

tentimes, programs are given limited approval. We were delighted to learn GSU had no significant problem areas, and it speaks to the dedication our faculty to their students and the programs."

The Illinois State Board of Education approved GSU's programs in elementary education, secondary education in biology and chemistry, special education with emphasis on music, educable mentally handicapped, learning disabilities, social/emotional disorders, and speech and language impaired.

Also, the school counseling program, and general ad-

ministrative and chief educa-



Dr. Leon Zalewski- Dean, COE
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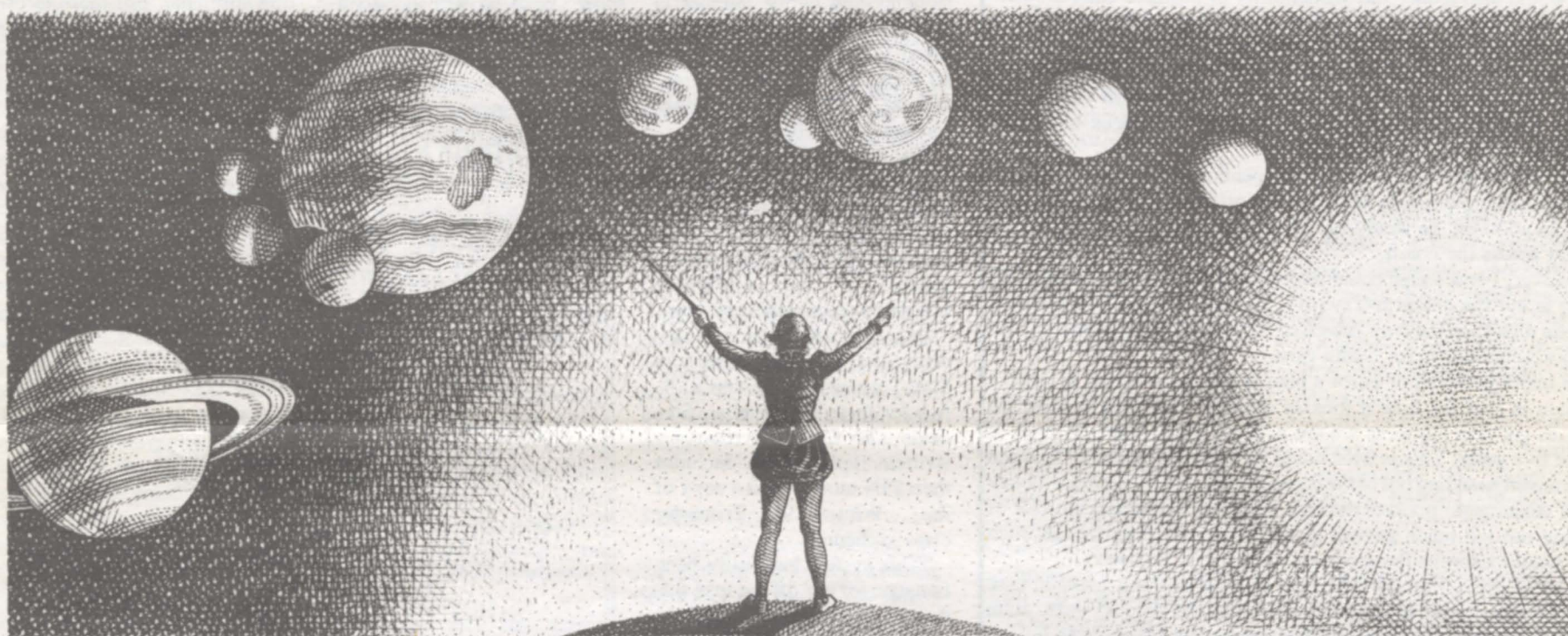
programs in educational administration Two programs — the English curriculum in secondary education and the school psychology curriculum in the psychology program — were given provisional approval because of the limited number of faculty in each program, Dr. Zalewski said.

"Those two programs are certified through September 1994, and we will be hiring additional faculty in those areas," he noted.

The dean added that GSU was found in non-compliance with the "Standard 8" requirement. The rule states that stu-

dents who question their status in education programs at GSU have the right to have legal counsel present in any meetings pertaining to their status.

"Governors State has joined with the other four universities in the Board of Governors Universities system in questioning that requirement," Dr. Zalewski said. "We consider any such discussions as academic matters and not legal matters." GSU hopes to have the issue resolved by the September 1994 deadline set out by ISBE.



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are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Jesse Garcia, who attends Governors State University was nominated for this National Award by M.C. Taylor, Dean. Jesse Garcia will appear in the All-American Scholar Directory, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in American history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratu-

lated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendations of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors. Once awarded, the students may be recognized by the USAA for other honors.

Jesse Garcia is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Garcia.

Body Politic Perot and His Plan

by Eric Crosby

The Presidential election of 1992. A very confusing race. Until recently, it was a two candidate race. However, with Ross Perot once again in the race, things become complicated. Ross Perot hopes to beat both Clinton and Bush with, as his big weapon, his theory of how to balance the federal budget.

Perot's plan calls for the elimination of the federal budget deficit over the next five years. He says the task of eliminating the deficit has to be accomplished within five years since that is the maximum attention span of the politicians who would carry it out. His plan would go into effect as early as October 1993; erasing a \$750 billion in spending and raising more than \$300 billion in taxes by 1998.

His plan, in a nut-shell, aims to attack every aspect of spending. He aims to protect government programs for the truly needy, stimulate economic growth, and stop the borrowing that older Americans have inflicted on the future taxpayers. How, you may ask, will he achieve this? As I stated previously, he will do it by attacking everything.

Perot is willing to attack social security and mortgage interest deductions for home-owners. He would also boost the top marginal income-tax rate from 31 to 33 percent. He also plans to raise the taxes on cigarettes and gasoline.

He would also reduce the deductibility of business entertainment expenses and raise taxes on foreign corporations. He also plans to hike user fees on U.S. waterways and on mining and lumbering on federal lands. Another area he would attack is health care. He wants to limit the Medicare and Medicaid costs. He would require the elderly to pay higher premiums for doctor's services under the Medicaid program.

Finally, he wants to cut defensive spending more than Bush has. He proposes to eliminate some low-priority federal programs outright. In addition, he would cut all other domestic spending by ten percent across the board.

However, Perot's plan could jeopardize the economic rebound by trying to cut the deficit too swiftly. His plan also fails to mount a realistic attack on the core causes of runaway federal spending; the skyrocketing outlays for health care.

The major problem of Perot's plan is that he is trying to undo a problem in half the time it took to develop it. It took at least ten years to get into the mess we are now in. Perot wants to undo it within five years. This is what could be a serious mistake. To drain government spending out of the economy too rapidly and take money out of consumers' pockets through tax hikes would run the risk of snuffing out too much growth in the short run, even though such steps would improve the economy's long term prospects.

To be credible, Perot would have to offer fallback plans in case the economy stayed in the doldrums over the coming year. John White, the former Carter administration budget official who helped draft Perot's plan, says that slashing the deficit would have to be deferred for a while if the economy remained sluggish. To help jump start the economic rebound, White says that it may be necessary to start off with stimulative measures such as the investment tax credits Perot would propose.

However, Perot has another theory. It deals with the Federal Reserve and an increased money supply. As the Federal Reserve pumps up the money supply and keep short term interest rates low, his spending cuts and tax hikes would put only a mild crimp in annual economic growth. It would only shave it by half a percentage point a year, or about \$30 billion in annual output. Also, the nation's unemployment rate would rise by just one-half a percent.

However, that may be asking too much of the Federal Reserve. Short term interest rates are now hovering around three percent. The Federal Reserve cannot really go any lower for it needs this three percent to help get the economy back on its feet. If it went to where it could not cut anymore (around one percent), Perot's fiscal measures could prompt real misery, pushing the unemployment rate to 8.5 percent.

Finally, as I stated earlier, Perot also plans to target \$208 billion in health-program cut backs over the next five years. However, he hasn't said how he will do this. In reality, there is simply no way to reap the savings Perot proposes without drastic reforms to contain costs in the nation's entire health system. These reforms could deny people much sophisticated medical care and force millions to pay more for insurance coverage.

However, in order for Perot's plan to work, he has to be elected. And this promises to be a bigger challenge than implementing his plan.

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Those interested in taking a class for personal interest register as non-degree seeking students, and those who want to return for a college degree but are uncertain of their future plans register as undeclared students.

The voice-activated admissions system phone number is (708) 534-7890. Callers will be asked to supply information in 10 areas, including their name, address, social security number and previous college status.

The information is stored and transcribed for entry into the student data base. Students then receive a personal identification number (PIN) which gives them access to the touch-tone telephone registration system.

Two days after their call students can phone the Governors State University Registrar's Office for their PIN number. Students who don't call receive a written reply which includes their PIN number and a copy of the Winter 1993 Trimester class schedule.

"This system has really been fantastic for our off-campus students," said Clark Defler, executive director of enrollment services. "It saves them time and is very convenient not only for them but also for our staff. The students don't have to come to campus until they buy their books."

Local Theatre Hosts Comedy Production

by Karen Schoenberg

The Fake Shrubbery Theatre Company's current production "About Politicians, Butter and Ticks, or Is that a Grenade in Your Pants or are you Just Depressed about the Economy?" is now showing at their theatre at 21 Centre in Park Forest. The play will be running through Nov. 8 with shows on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each week. Showtime Thursday through Saturday is 8:30 P.M., Sunday showtime is 7:30 P.M. Admission is \$7.00 with a \$2.00 discount for G.S.U. students with student I.D.

As indicated by the title, the show is a comedy with an emphasis on political and social satire. It was written by three cast members who have a great deal of experience in improvisational theatre, and parts of the show were written using improv games and techniques. To keep the audience involved,

some improvisation will also be used during the show. The three cast members who wrote the play are Michael Sean McCarthy, Andy Miller, and David Whitehouse, with L. Charles Reed, August Zienann and Julie Volkmann rounding out the cast. The show is being directed by Edward Gein.

The Fake Shrubbery Theatre Company was formed three years ago and has produced 19 plays. It has been reviewed by the SunTimes, the Chicago Reader, and most local papers. Two GSU faculty members are involved with the theatre. Anthony Labriola, who is a Professor of Television Production, has directed two plays and he participates in the acting ensemble. Professor of Education, Benjamin Lowe, is on the theatre's Board of Directors and has also performed with the acting ensemble. For more information please call (708) 748-1240.

CAFETERIA MENU

WEEK of October 26 - October 30, 1992

MONDAY—Cream of Broccoli Soup

ENTREE: Italian Chicken Cacciatore Platter
HOT SANDWICH: Grilled Ham and Cheese

TUESDAY—Beef Barley Soup

ENTREE: Turkey Oriental over Rice
HOT SANDWICH: Sloppy Joe

WEDNESDAY—Chicken Noodle Soup

ENTREE: Baked Meatloaf Platter
HOT SANDWICH: Monte Cristo

THURSDAY—Turkey Rice Soup

ENTREE: Veal Parmesan with Spaghetti, red sauce, garlic bread
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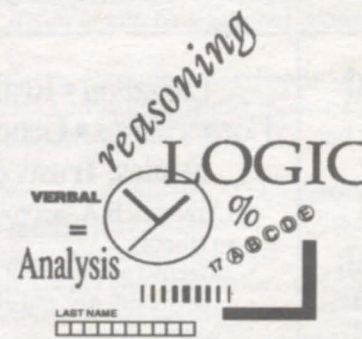
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Editorials

The Presidential Debates: A "Political Junkies" Viewpoint

by Ron Young

There is a saying that presidential debates don't change any

minds. The only people influenced are supposed to be those who are undecided. Up until this year, political wise guys believed that debates strengthened the resolve of the partisan faithful. These same people felt that debates were risky for an incumbent if the candidate was already the front runner. The risks of debate, they felt, simply outweighed the potential gains, unless the candidate was behind in the polls.

In some respects, this is true. After the first debate, a conservative friend called me to rave about how Bush really put the wood to that commie loving, unpatriotic Clinton. It is clear that little short of a major scandal in the Bush administration will change how this person will vote. Fifteen minutes after I hung up the phone, a liberal friend called to rave about how that fascists bas#&%d Bush had reached a new low by invoking the "BIG LIE" of Paul Joseph Goebbels to smear poor Bill Clinton. It is obvious that this friend did not change any of his views during the debate. The views of these friends are so vitriolic about the others favorite candidate, that if I can get insurance on my furniture, I intend to invite both of them over to watch the returns with me during election night.

This year is different, even though my two friends conform

to type. The debates were conducted near the end of the campaign when the candidates had substantial public records of their positions. Also, the news media started doing its job, and within hours after the debate, they followed up on the claims and counter claims, analyzing them for veracity and truth. Lies and gross distortions were exposed in newscasts and newspapers the next day. Involving a third candidate appeared to create more public interest.

The first debate started off with Bush attacking the integrity of Clinton, and distorting the merits of Clinton's tax plan.

When the vice presidential candidates squared off, Dan Quayle went ballistic on Clinton, following the party line on distorting the Clinton tax plan.

The next morning the national media pointed out that the Clinton tax concept was viable as he advertised it, and that Quayle had distorted it. The media likened his behavior during the debate with a cafeteria "Food Fight."

The second presidential debate was a landmark in political campaigning. The format featured direct questions from citizens. Citizens at the debate demanded that the candidates stop the mud-slinging and demagoguery, and instead focus on the issues.

Awareness that the media would instantly convey the lies and misrepresentations to the nation had a sobering effect on

the candidates.

The third debate was a combination of the first two in format.

The first half was conducted by a single moderator with the second containing questions from a panel of journalists. Perot leveled blasts at Bush and Clinton on the subject of the pending failure of over 100 banks after new banking regulations go into effect on December 19th. He also took the Bush administration to task on the subject of if the U.S. Ambassador to Iraq may have been given mixed signals about what we would do if Iraq invaded Kuwait, as well as, the failure of the U.S. to react properly during the initial attempt of Panamanians to overthrow that government before we invaded Panama. Clinton continued to emphasize that the key issues were economic, and Bush again questioned Clinton's fitness to be Commander and Chief.

After filtering out the flack, static, bad behavior, and name calling, it appears that the three presidential candidates have the following views on some key issues:

EDUCATION:

Bush: Provide vouchers so families can choose the schools their children attend. By introducing the market driven system into education, Bush hopes to force schools to provide a better product.

Perot: Perot believes in the need to drastically improve education. Many of his ideas match up with Clinton. The difference is that Perot is running as a candidate for a management system. His focus on all issues emphasizes the use of scientific management systems and task groups to solve problems rather than prepared programs.

Clinton: Wants a major emphasis on education with fully funded headstart programs, parental training programs on how to work with their children in education, local parent school councils, adult literacy programs, college scholarships for those willing to work off debt in national service, and vocational training for students not going to college.

NATIONAL DEBT:

Bush: Reduction of entitlement programs, capital gains tax reduction to stimulate capital investment, line item veto, and balanced budget amendment.

Clinton: Increase taxes on incomes over \$150,000 for individuals and on incomes over \$200,000 for couples, set tax rates for foreign corporations doing business in the U.S. equal to that of U.S. companies, close loopholes on U.S. corporate tax codes, cut \$140 billion in spending over four years.

Perot: Increase taxes, task force on budget reform and

revenue enhancement.

JOBS:

Bush: Enterprise Zones, stimulating exports of agricultural products.

Clinton: Enterprise Zones, capital investment incentives, stimulate new product development, eliminate tax incentives to move plants to foreign countries, public works projects to rebuild infrastructure with displaced workers.

Perot: Enterprise Zones, forced equity in foreign markets, elimination of tax incentives for American companies to move to foreign countries, a national economic business plan similar to Japan and Germany. Kick foreign lobbyists out of Washington.

MEDICAL CARE:

Bush: Limits on malpractice suit settlements, vouchers for the poor, bring small business together to get better group coverage rates, have medical coverage follow a worker from job to job.

Perot: Use of scientific management task group, systems to find a workable solution.

Clinton: Comprehensive health plan using private insurers, national commissions to set limits on rates, fees for medical coverage, fees for care, drug company prices.

Letters to the Editor

Poor Communication Leads to Duplication of Effort

This is the year and everyone is vying for space on the bandwagon! What I am referring to is the phenomenon of the resurgent interest in Malcolm X, the fiery Muslim leader assassinated twenty years ago. A groundswell that began at the grassroots level, peaked as word spread that Spike Lee was making a movie of the controversial Malcolm X, spread as corporate / commercial America heard it. Witness the "X" buttons, hats, tee-shirts, pants, prints, posters, pictures - anything on which the name / face of Malcolm X could be affixed. (Question - is Dr. Betty Shabazz benefitting from any of this?)

Therefore it was with interest I noted the call for auditions for a play about an imaginary confrontation between the two great (opposite philosophies) Black leaders. Then the flyers appeared of the upcoming

production dates. Great I could attend one (or several depending upon how well the performance went). No matter when Spike Lee's movie was released, it would be a while before reaching south suburbia, if indeed ever.

Thus occurred a conversation with an acquaintance - the dates I had noted were incorrect and further the price was definitely wrong. To settle the dispute, we called Governors State University. Talk about miscommunication (and no information the first time I called). Finally, we were able to ascertain both of us were right.

Two separate production companies, two different performance dates and yet at the same site, with differing cost - one free! Talk about reinventing the wheel. Why was this? Merely a case of the right hand not knowing what the left hand was doing. Oh well, GSU is a big place. But further inquiries indicated the first production was by a teacher at GSU, a resident of the community. Why then was an outside group contracted.

It would appear that Gover-

nors State would go along with and support its own. But who am I to question the politics? Just a senior citizen who will attend the free performance and maybe, just maybe go to one of the other plays out of a sense of loyalty to one who is demonstrating a positive commitment to our community. After all, my taxes in a sense support both. Few enough good things get noted. I applaud both the teacher and GSU for bringing these timely productions to the "boonies." But maybe next time they can work in conjunction and be assured of greater participation.

Good Luck,
Jean Black

Reader Shows Concern for Quality

It is evident from the quality of the reporting that a lot of hard work goes into the production of the Innovator.

However, grammatical errors in the paper produce a negative impression that can overshadow even quality writing. In the Oc-

tober 8 issue of the Innovator, I found four instances of the misuse of the word "it's" should only be used when it is a contraction of the words "it is".

A single grammatical error could be attributed to a "typo" (although it should be caught by the editing and proofreading staff), but a repeated error gives the reader the impression that the writer is not familiar with basic grammar. These types of grammatical errors are especially unacceptable in a college newspaper.

The Innovator has always given us good reporting. I hope that in the future, it will be an example of good grammar as well.

Susan L. Atchison
South Barrington, IL.

Editors Note: Thank you for showing your concern. The INNOVATOR is revising its procedures. Production and staff changes are currently taking place, which may have contributed to the error. University community input (students, staff, etc.), is what makes a college newspaper strong. Keep those cards and letters coming!

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To Your Health

by Leonard Robinson, M.D.

Question: Is estrogen replacement therapy (ERT) helpful to women who have reached menopause?

Answer: There is now convincing evidence that estrogen replacement therapy (ERT) is helpful in preventing osteoporosis and the symptoms of menopause (e.g., hot flashes and vaginal dryness.) More recent evidence now confirms that ERT also protects against coronary artery disease. Despite this mounting evidence, the majority of eligible women choose not to use ERT. One reason for this is fear of breast cancer.

In fact, the danger of breast cancer with ERT is unknown. When higher doses of ERT (1.25 mg. per day) were used for more than 10 years, there was a slightly increased risk. However, the risk did not increase substantially when a dose of .625 mg. per day was used.

As with all medications, ERT is not without its risks. For example, it doubles the risk of gallstone disease. ERT may also increase the risk of endometrial cancer unless another hormone, progestin, is used concurrently.

When benefits and risks are weighed, the numbers favor ERT, especially for those women who have had a hysterectomy. They cannot get endometrial cancer and do not need progestin. Women at high risk for heart disease and osteoporosis, but low risk for breast cancer, will also benefit.

According to JoAnn Manson, M.D., a Harvard epidemiologist and a member of the Nurses' Health Study team, "Each patient must decide for herself, but based on what we know so far about its benefits and risks, it is reasonable to present ERT as a desirable option for most women."

The Nurses' Health Study team reported nearly a 50% reduction in heart disease among ERT users. The other benefits of ERT are well established. For instance, there is a 60% reduction of osteoporotic fractures and their sequels.

With regard to ERT, experts agree that each patient must be considered separately before ERT is started. If you would like more information on estrogen replacement therapy, or have a question for this column, please write to me at Ingalls Family Care Center, 4647 W Lincoln Hwy., Matteson, IL 60443.

Admission Deadline Fast Approaching

UNIVERSITY PARK — The deadline for admission to Governors State University for the Winter 1993 Trimester is Nov. 6.

Students must submit their application, credentials and transcripts for review by that date to enroll as a degree-seeking student.

The admissions deadline is approximately four weeks earlier than in the past. The admissions deadline for the spring/summer trimester will now be April 9. The new deadlines were made to improve procedures used in admitting students and determining faculty and class schedule needs.

GSU also changed its policy on Block 3 class registrations. Previously, registration was conducted at the time Block 3, the second half of GSU's 15-week trimester, began. Registrations now will be accepted only during regular registration and add/drop periods.

The "student at large" category has been replaced with "undeclared" or "non-degree seeking" status.

Undeclared students are those who intend to seek a degree at GSU but are unprepared to declare a major. Undergraduates can take a maximum of 12 hours and graduates a maximum of six hours in this category. If the students fail to declare a major, their status changes to non-degree seeking students.

The "non-degree seeking" status is for students taking a course for personal or professional development with no intention of seeking a degree. Their credit hours are not, and will not, be applicable to degree requirements at GSU.

For information on registration requirements, call the GSU Office of Admissions at (708) 534-4490.

Where-Am-I-Music

An Album Review by Steve Young

Brian Eno - Nerve Net

Opal Records

Reviewed on compact disc

You may have never heard of Brian Eno, but if you've listened to popular music for the last twenty years, you've probably heard his work. Or at the very least, felt his influence.

A member of Roxy Music on their first two albums, Eno helped define their smooth, experimental sound. He has produced albums for a variety of artists: David Bowie, Talking Heads, U2, Devo, Genesis, Phil Manzanera, David Byrne, John Cale, and Robert Fripp. These albums challenge mainstream rock listeners, but have the potential to liberate them as well.

Were I to write about his solo albums, I would probably wax rhapsodically about the boundaries he broke and the trails he blazed. Suffice to say I doubt New Age, House, and Industrial music (and all of their sub-genres) would have achieved their present level of complexity and popularity without the musical experimentation and technological innovation of Eno.

I've been looking forward to his new solo album, *Nerve Net*, the first in seven years. I'm not disappointed.

Certainly, this is not a ground-breaking record for Eno. The sounds and structures heard on *Nerve Net* are similar to those heard in various phases of Eno's career. But they are still a refreshing break from everything else around.

This disc is the most rhythmic since his marvelous collaboration with David Byrne *Life in the Bush of Ghosts*. The solid beat of songs like "Fractal Zoom", "Wire Shock", and "Ali Click" offer a nice counterpoint to the other-worldly synthesizers and digitally manipulated instruments Eno generally works with.

Like much of Eno's work, *Nerve Net* is best listened to on headphones. The hyper-smooth tones of "JuJu Space Jazz" and "Web" spin three dimensional figure-eights through your brain, that can't necessarily be heard on regular speakers.

Eno uses the frenetic, sometimes abrasive guitar of Robert Fripp to great advantage on several songs, especially "Distributed Being".

The contrast of Fripp's overstated harshness and Eno's subtly smooth treatments not only highlight what each does best, but also acts to downplay their excesses.

Of course, what would an Eno album be without a few quiet, seemingly simple songs on which he plays every instrument. "Pierre in Mist", "The Roil, The Choke", and "Decentre" haunt the listener, drawing him back to listen again.

After listening to Eno for several years, I was surprised at the difficulty I had writing about his music, perhaps because it is so unusual. In the liner notes of *Nerve Net* Eno lists a variety of adjectives that might apply to his work. I think "Where-Am-I Music" is the most applicable. Listen to this disc and find out why.

DICKENS STREET- CHICAGO (September, 1991)

I should say
" what the Dickens ? "
I do not.
But I do stand and gape.
" All those lovely people,
where do they come from, where do they go ? "
Over the radio, TV,
the talk is of Fahrenheit 90.
A hot day sure,
but is it important ?
The nights and days,
are one long continuum,
of cars roaring away in the distance,
solitary joggers,
bunches of roller-skaters,
who spring into sight
like a sudden splash of pollen,
of muggers on the move,
" five dollars or your life."
All those lovely people,
the haze, the mist, the smog.
I stare and swing in a swoon.
Evening time in Chicago,
early morn in faraway India.
The yearning for home,
uncurls like a snake from the pit of the gut
and jet-lag hits like a Tyson punch.
I stand in a daze
and stare and stare,
on Dickens Street.

RAMESH S PAI

(First Published in the " Indian Express " India)

ON THE ROAD (AGAIN)

A Book Review by Steve Young

Impossible Vacation by Spalding Gray Knopf, 228 pages, \$22.00

"I just stood there for quite a long while, but it didn't matter how long I waited, it just felt good to be out there in the middle of nowhere, in the middle of time. I thought I was beginning to learn how to hang out."

Brewster North, the narrator of *Impossible Vacation*, spends most of the book learning to hang out. And for some reason I cared. Spalding Gray, known for his staged and filmed monologues (including *Monster in a Box*, about the writing and editing of this book) has written an entertaining and sometimes thought-provoking first novel. The book is a rambling memoir of an unusual character's search to find what he should be searching for.

From that description, you might get the impression this book is a diffuse return to the Beat style of Jack Kerouac, with little or no dramatic tension. And you would be right, but personally, I couldn't stop reading.

The story opens as a five-year old Brewster happily vacations with his family on a Rhode Island beach. Brewster's memories become less carefree as his Christian Scientist mother slowly lapses into mental illness. By the time she commits suicide, Brewster has started an unusual psychological/geographical/ spiritual trip himself.

Before the end of the book, Brewster visits New York, Mexico, California, India, and a Las Vegas jail. He experiments with Zen, alcohol, monogamy, performance art, the Bhagwan Rajneesh, modeling, LSD, pornography (as viewer and participant), and psychoanalysis.

The tone of his encounters alternates between being funny, sad, disturbing, and a mix of all three. The book is most enjoyable when Gray describes Brewster's strange forays into the world of art. At one point, his experimental theatre group is commissioned to perform in an elementary school. "It happened as soon as we began to touch each other to find our balance. As soon as the first one touched another, the entire room went wild. Anarchy spread like a brush fire. The children became hysterical. They went out of control and started jumping up and down like spinning tops. They were screaming and spinning and running toward us and running around us. Police whistles began to blow again. Teachers ran to try to drive the children back, but they slipped through the teachers' arms and legs and ran spinning and shouting towards us."

By the end of the book, after several false starts, I got the feeling Brewster's search might be headed in the right direction. Something about the voice of Brewster North made me want to follow, even to places I'd never want to go.

Product Recall Notice

Soccer Nets Can Be Deadly

CHICAGO, IL—The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) warns that movable soccer goals can tip over and kill children who climb on them or pull up on the crossbar. CPSC knows of 15 deaths and several serious injuries since 1979 resulting from soccer goal tip-overs. (See attached page for locations and dates of deaths.)

With the 1994 World Cup Soccer Tournament games being played in Chicago, Illinois, soccer will become an even more popular sport. Coaches, parents, and players need to know that soccer goals can tip over and kill people who climb on them or pull up on the crossbar.

The victims in the tip-over incidents ranged in age from three years to 22 years and generally were not involved in the game of soccer when the incident occurred. The typical tip-over incident happened when a child or young adult climbed on or hung from the crossbar of a soccer goal which was not anchored. The heavy goal toppled onto and crushed the individual. In one case, the unanchored goal was blown onto the victim by a gust of wind. The goals were constructed of wood, metal, or plastic and were either homemade, un-branded, or manufactured by soccer goal companies. Mobile style soccer goals are used by private and public elementary and secondary schools, colleges, and municipal playgrounds and recreation areas.

The Commission is working with the manufacturers' "Coalition for Safer Soccer Goals" and others to address risks presented by these soccer goals and to make movable soccer goals more stable. The Commission also suggests that soccer coaches, school officials, parents, and players follow these safety guidelines:

- o Securely anchor or counter-weight portable goals at all times (see illustration).
- o Never climb on the net or goal framework.
- o Remove nets when goals are not in use.
- o Tip unused goals onto their goal face or chain goals to nearby fence posts, dug-outs, or any other similar sturdy fixture.
- o Check all connecting hardware before every use. Replace damaged or missing anchors immediately.
- o Ensure safety labels are clearly visible.
- o Fully disassemble goals for seasonal storage.

To get free safety labels, write to SAFE GOALS c/o SICA, 200 Castlewood Drive, North Palm Beach, FL 33408, or call any of the Coalition members: BSN Sports (1-800-527-7510); Jayfro Corp. (1-800-243-0533); Goal! Sporting Goods Inc. (1-800-334-4625); or Kwik Goal Ltd. (1-800-531-4252).

The CPSC's mission is to protect the public from unreasonable risks of injury and death associated with consumer products. The Commission's objective is to reduce the estimated 28.5 million injuries and 21,600 deaths associated each year with the 15,000 different types of consumer products within CPSC's jurisdiction.

NOTE: To report an unsafe consumer product or a product related injury, consumers may call the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772. A teletypewriter for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-638-8270; the Maryland TTY number is 1-800-492-8104.

Soccer goal-related deaths occurred in these cities:

CITY	AGE OF VICTIM	DATE OF INCIDENT
Dunwoody, GA	9-year-old female	09/19/79
Vallejo, CA	9-year-old male	10/03/79
Fort Bliss, TX	4-year-old male	10/02/83
Keene, NH	20-year-old male	10/28/85
Loveland, CO	9-year-old male	10/13/86
Pullman, WA	7-year-old female	05/16/87
Virginia Beach, VA	10-year-old male	09/14/88
San Antonio, TX	5-year-old male	05/9/89
Bolton, MA	16-year-old male	05/25/89
Plastow, NH	7-year-old male	09/27/89
Orinda, CA	3-year-old male	10/14/89
Fayetteville, NC	8-year-old male	06/02/90
Lakewood, NJ	9-year-old male	11/06/90
McFarland, CA	22-year-old male	11/10/90
Aiken, SC	8-year-old male	04/20/91

Videoconference Available

by Rita Nagy

On October 1st, a small but enthusiastic group viewed the teleconference MEETINGS: ALL RIGHT OR AWRY. The program dealt with parliamentary procedures and answered many questions relating to this important topic.

For your convenience, the Student Life Advisory Council

Special Events Committee, sponsors of the program, arranged for the video taping of MEETINGS. Therefore, it will be available on a loan basis for use by all Student Life clubs and organizations until August 1993.

If you are interested, please call the Student Life Production Shoppe, 534-4557 to reserve a date for viewing this tape.

PSC Offers Special Interest Courses

CHICAGO HEIGHTS - Prairie State College is offering a number of non-credit classes, such as Spanish, Business Writing, Silk Flower Arranging and Ballroom Dancing, among others, at Bloom High School, 10th Street and Dixie Highway in Chicago Heights, this fall.

"Writing to Communicate - Effective Strategies For Business People" is a \$63 class that will give you courteous, clear, concise, concrete and correct written communication skills. The five-week class begins Monday, January 4 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. and meets every Monday.

"Beginning Spanish" is ideal for anyone interested in travel and Hispanic culture. The \$53 class will emphasize pronunciation and speaking. The class begins Monday, October 19 from 7:00 9:00 p.m. and meets every Monday for eight weeks.

"Beginning Greek" is a \$53 class that will emphasize speaking, pronunciation and Greek culture. The eight-week class begins Monday, October 19 from 7:00 - 8:50 p.m. and meets every Monday.

"Intermediate Silk Flower Arranging" is a \$38 class for those who already know the basics of silk flower arranging. A supply list will be mailed to those who register for this class. The class begins Wednesday, October 28 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. and meets every Wednesday for three weeks.

"Advanced Silk Flower Arranging" is a \$38 class for those who have had "Intermediate Silk Flower Arranging." The class begins Wednesday, November 25 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. and meets every Wednesday for three weeks.

"Silk Flower Wedding Arrangements" will teach you the basics of making bridal bouquets, corsages and boutonnieres. Supplies will be discussed at the first meeting on Wednesday, February 24 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. The class meets every Wednesday for three weeks and costs \$38.

"Corsages and Boutonnieres," a \$15 class that meets on Monday, October 26 from 7:00 9:00 p.m., will teach you the basics of making corsages and bouton-

nieres with both fresh and silk flowers.

"Silk Bridal Bouquets" is a \$15 class that meets on Wednesday, December 16 from 7:00 9:00 p.m. and will provide various demonstrations for making silk bouquets for weddings or school dances.

"Dancing Made Easy: Beginning Ballroom" will bring you back to the "Big Band" sound with the fox trot, cha-cha, rumba, polka, waltz, swing, tango and more. The class costs \$50 per couple or \$30 per person. It begins Monday, October 19 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. and meets every Monday for 10 weeks.

"Intermediate Sewing" is for the experienced sewer who wants instruction in more complicated construction problems. The \$72 class runs for eight weeks, beginning Monday, October 19 from 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. and meeting every Monday thereafter.

For further information on non-credit classes, call 708/709-3549.

Hit the Trails & Listen to Nature Tales

The Forest Preserve District of Will County will offer "Nature Tales," a story time for families, every Sunday throughout November at two county facilities: Plum Creek Nature Center (Crete) and Isle a la Cache Museum (Romeoville).

The program begins at 2:00 p.m. at both sites. It is designed

south of Crete. Isle a la Cache Museum is located at 501 East Romeo Road, 1/2 mile east of Route 53, in Romeoville. Both the nature center and museum are owned and operated by the Forest Preserve District of Will County. They are open 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., year-round, closed Mondays; admission is free.

for all ages and is free of charge. For further information, please call Plum Creek Nature Center at 708/ 946-2216, or Isle a la Cache Museum at 815/886-1467.

Plum Creek Nature Center is located in Goodenow Grove Forest Preserve, 1-1/4 miles east of the intersection of Routes 1 and 394, on Goodenow Road,



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Science Prof. Wins Award

UNIVERSITY PARK — Dr. Donna Siemro, professor of science education at Governors State University, is a 1992-93 recipient of the Faculty Excellence Award.

Dr. Siemro was recognized for her work in developing a strong microbiology program, revitalizing the geological sciences course, instruction of mathematics courses, and interaction with students.

Dr. Siemro of Homewood came to GSU in 1976 as a professor in the science education program. In 1979, she received a National Science

Foundation grant to develop an earth science curriculum for high school teachers.

Besides her teaching duties at GSU, Dr. Siemro is a consultant to the Illinois State Board of Education for accreditation review of secondary teacher science education programs.

The professor received a bachelor's degree from Concordia College, a master's degree from Northern Illinois University and a doctorate from the University of Iowa. She has done post-doctoral work in virology and recombinant DNA at Indiana University.

GSU History- Continued from front page

Alumna Pat Gardner says GSU's conversion to a graded system did change her opinion of the school. But, she adds, she chose GSU in 1982 over other schools because GSU offered her a personalized program.

"When I came here I checked out Columbia College, the Art Institute and this place, and besides it being convenient, I liked this place better. I liked the atmosphere better. I liked the teachers better. I liked the whole concept better. The way things were done just seemed to be more comfortable," Gardner explains.

Her positive experiences have rubbed off. Her daughter is now a student at GSU. Dascenzo says that case is a perfect example of GSU's vitality.

"We say our traditional student is everybody else's non-traditional student. The only thing about GSU students is they are more dissimilar than they are similar...It's not dissimilar to me to have a 24-year-old who's talking about dating with a 72-year-old who's dying of cancer. You don't find that at an eastern school where everybody in a dorm is probably homogeneous."

On commencement day 1990, the GSU Hall of Governors was filled with graduates who represented every sector of society. They were being rewarded for their achievements, but they all agreed that the diplomas they were receiving were because of Governors State's efforts to serve students.

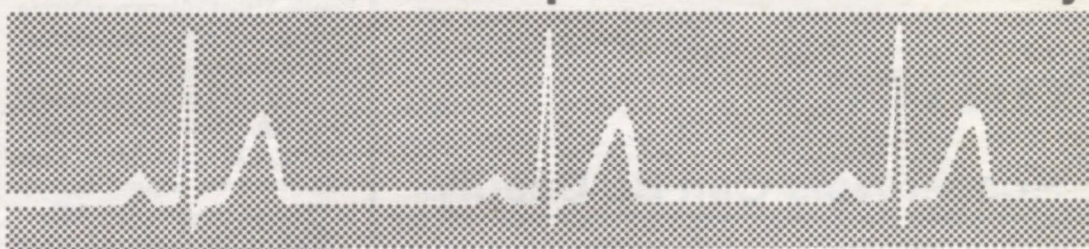
"I stayed out of school for 30 years," one graduate said. "I'm a grandmother so I felt kind of funny coming back, overwhelmed. I thought everyone would be so much younger, but I felt at home because the age limit is from one end to the other..."

Another said, "GSU allowed me to go back to school...in between my four years I got married, had a child and so it was real flexible and accessible to me."

"It meant a change in my life. I transferred from ISU. The smaller class size here has helped my grade point and I've excelled intellectually here and I appreciate that," this young graduate said.

Another echoed his sentiments. "GSU has changed my entire life. I always wanted to be a professional person and I have a job, a scholarship to the University of Chicago. It has changed my life completely...when I first came here I saw a sign on the door that said this is the place to finish what you started. They did not lie. It is."

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ballot. In fact, when a judge is up for retention, he or she has to receive 60% of the votes cast to retain or remove that person from office.

Leach pointed out that in the last general election, a judge was removed from office because citizens mounted a campaign to deny him judicial retention after he dismissed charges against a man who had attacked and nearly killed a woman police officer in Chicago. The Judicial retention ballot is a powerful tool for citizens who want to express dissatisfaction with the behavior of any judge.

In addition to the national election, the 1992 Illinois ballot will contain two very important referendums. The first will

amend the Illinois constitution to require the state to fund a larger part of education. The second referendum provides a constitutional amendment for crime victim rights which gives victims the right to consult with prosecutors, testify at parole hearings, and be notified when criminals involved in crimes against them are scheduled to be released.

Offices up for election this year include:

President/Vice President
United States Senate
United States House of Representatives
State Senate
State House of Representatives
States Attorney

Illinois Supreme Court
Appellate Court
Recorder of Deeds
Water Reclamation Commission

One of the nice things about the Illinois ballot is that if you want to vote a few rascals out in your party of choice, you can punch a straight ticket for your party, and then go to the office where you want to vote for an opponent, and just punch that candidate. This makes it very easy for citizens to split ballots.

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